The Cochin Kuri Bill.

Deputy President.—The next Bill is the Cochin Kuri Bill.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—I move that the Cochin Kuri Bill be read in Council.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I second that.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—The objects and reasons are sufficiently clear. I don't think it necessary to add a long discussion to the principles underlying this Bill. In answer to question No. 432 a list is printed which will show that *kuri* starters do not generally register *vaimpus* at all. From 1099 to 1103 the total *kuri vaimpus* registered in the Cochin State are not more than on an average 10 per annum even though it has been the experience of most of us that in this State every year more than roughly 5,000 *kuries* will be generally started. The *kuri vaimpu* is not available when disputes arise. Legality of certain class of *kuries* now in vogue is in dispute. Proceedings of *kuries* are seldom properly recorded. Answers to questions in the last Council show that the subscribers are driven to court very often and money due to subscribers is not paid in time and many *kuries* also collapse for want of proper security. The terms of certain *kuries* are very hard and unconcionable. The present Bill is an attempt to make certain legal provisions to control and regulate the starting of *kuries*. This Bill is only an adaptation of the Travancore Regulation on the subject. Since I move for a Select Committee, I don't think it necessary to go into details at this stage, and since this is made a Party question, the success of the motion is certain, and I don't think I should take up now any more time of this House.

Deputy President.—It is not opposed, I think.

Question proposed: "*That the Cochin Kuri Bill be read in Council.*"

Question put and agreed to.

Secretary to the Council.—The title of the Bill is "The Cochin Kuri Bill."

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—The Bill may be referred to a Select Committee consisting of Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar, Mr. M. A. Chakko, Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar, Dr. A. R. Menon, Mr. Thomas Manjuran, Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar, besides the Government Member and the mover.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I second it.

Deputy President.—Have you got the list of names there?

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Yes, Sir.

Question proposed: "*That the Bill may be referred to a Select Committee composed of Messrs. K. P. Kannan Nayar,*

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M.A. Chakko and T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar, Dr. A. R. Menon and Messrs. Thomas Manjuran and V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar, besides the Government Member in charge and the mover."

Question put and agreed to.

Deputy President.—Period?

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Six months as in the case of the other.

Deputy President.—There are certain provisions which may require change.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Quite so. We want to introduce something new.

Deputy President.—I nominate the Government Advocate as the Chairman of the Committee.

Resolutions on Matters of General Public Interest.

10. Free use of roads. (cont.)

Deputy President.—Then resolutions.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Sir, I rise to support the resolution of yesterday. Sir, I think it is rather an anachronism to have such a rule in the State. I don't think the real objection is either on the part of the students or their parents, as some Hon'ble Members stated the other day.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—I did not make that statement, Sir.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Some Hon'ble Members said. As certain Hon'ble Members stated the other day, I don't think parents, who want to give higher education to their children, that is, who want their children to imbibe modern ideas, the breath of modern civilisation, care very much whether their children, who have to sit side by side with boys of all castes and creeds, care whether they live in the same hostel. This matter has become rather monotonous. I certainly recognise that there is a possibility of sentiment. Is that sentiment so strong, when we find that, in the Sister State of Travancore and in British India, cosmopolitan hostels are the rule, and those hostels are being very very freely attended, in fact crowded. When it comes to a question of boarding, it is a different matter. The two things are fundamentally different. Eating together and living together are different things. I don't go to the extent of compelling people to eat together. I don't think there is much objection for the other. The reasons that the Director of Public Instruction have been giving us do not appear to me to be convincing. This sort of facing the question half-heartedly is not what should be done. What is the real difficulty? Here we are at the beginning of an academical year. We have got

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